



# Mid-Region Council of Governments of New Mexico

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### **Mayor John Hooker elected MRCOG Chairman of the Board**

Village of Los Ranchos Mayor John Hooker was elected Mid-Region Council of Governments 2003-2004 Chairman of the Board of Directors. "It is an honor to be asked by my peers across the region to lead this important organization," said Mayor Hooker. "There are critical issues facing the entire four-county region today that we must address together."

Hooker assumes the post having served as Vice-Chairman of the Board last year. Among the major issues facing Hooker and the Board this year – water planning, regional security and co-operation, long-range planning for regional transportation and air quality, and the formation of a regional transit authority.

In addition to the many afore-mentioned duties, the MRCOG has also taken on the fiscal administration for the Workforce Connection of Central New Mexico Board. The Mid-Region Council of Governments is the Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO) for the region, responsible for allocating millions of dollars in federal transportation funds for street and highway projects in the municipalities and counties in the region.

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